

leveraged the economic power of black Americans for social change from urban Philadelphia to the continent of Africa.

As the pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in North Philadelphia where he served for 38 years, he was towering force. His booming voice spread a message of love of God and selfhelp for his people.

Rev. Sullivan, who founded the nation's largest community-based job training program, was regarded as a leader by world leaders. Presidents and corporate heads sought his advice. In 1991, he was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President George Bush. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan says Rev. Sullivan showed the world what one person can do.

Early on in his life, Leon Sullivan was confronted by racism. At the age of 9, while attempting to buy a soda at a drugstore in his hometown in Charleston, West Virginia he was informed he could not sit at the counter. Subsequently he told interviewers that this was a life transforming moment that instilled in him a lifelong commitment to confront injustice.

Rev. Sullivan was known throughout the world because of the establishment of OIC centers in the U.S. and in 17 African nations; the sponsorship of the Sullivan Principles that helped to dismantle South African apartheid; and, his leadership in civil rights. But he was also known and will be remembered for his ability to reach and touch and make a difference in lives of the people of his community.

His death leaves a void in Philadelphia, the nation and the world. His legacy is monumental.

IN TRIBUTE TO J. HANDEL EVANS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to J. Handel Evans, who came to my congressional district five years ago to found Ventura County, California's first four-year public university, and then retired as California State University, Channel Island's first president after a resounding success.

The obstacles Handel faced were enormous. The campus was formerly a state psychiatric hospital. The buildings needed to be refurbished, the school needed a sound financial foundation to augment funding the state would provide, and it needed the support of the state's budget writers.

With skill and patience, Handel built teams and coalitions to achieve his—and our community's—goal.

One example of his skill and perseverance stands out. Last year, the university's ability to open on time was endangered because of a budget battle with the governor. Gov. Davis was withholding a \$10 million state budget earmark for CSU Channel Islands because of a dispute over another CSU campus.

Handel reacted by enlisting every state elected official in the area—from both political parties—and others to pressure the governor to release the funding. Without the funding,

the university would have been unable to hire faculty and other staff necessary to run a university.

Gov. Davis released the funds, and the university will open on time.

How important is it to launch a new university with such skill and perseverance? It is crucial if you want to attract top professors to instruct our young men and women. The school will open with 23 instructors. When the call went out for applicants, 2,300 responded. That's a huge number when one considers our nation still enjoys nearly full employment and the nation faces a teacher shortage.

CSU Channel Islands will help with that problem as well.

Once opened, the Channel Islands campus will serve public schools and educators by providing continuing education to current and future teachers. With annual student enrollments in California projected to grow at a steady rate of about 80,000 per year, it is estimated that nearly 300,000 additional qualified teachers will be needed in California classrooms over the next 10 years. CSU Channel Islands will help my community, the state of California and our nation meet teacher demand.

Those teachers will provide quality education to our children. Our children will then be better prepared to compete in an ever-changing economic environment.

Handel has handed the reins of the university to Richard Rush, formerly president of Minnesota State University at Mankato. He has the background and skills to continue building on the foundation Handel has laid.

And, Handel and his wife, Carol, have decided to remain in Camarillo, near the university. I know he will continue to be involved in its continued growth.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking J. Handel Evans for launching what will be known as a top-notch teacher's university and wish him and Carol a long and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING WEST MICHIGAN GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor eight dedicated young women from West Michigan for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the Girl Scout's highest honor. The award recognizes these outstanding young women for their accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development.

Obtaining the Girl Scout Gold Award involves an extensive commitment, and requires the recipients to earn four interest-project patches. The patches include the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as designing and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project in cooperation with an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

The honorees and a brief summary of their accomplishments for the Girl Scout Gold Award follow: Kyle Johnson, a senior at Zeeland School, created a web page for Zeeland Community Education; Noorain Khan, a Forest Hills Central junior, designed an Islamic Education Youth Director position; Tonya Leeuw, a freshman at Grand Valley State University, utilized her love of gardening by landscaping a portion of the front of the new Byron Community Ministries building; Lauren Magnifico, a junior at Grandville High School, organized the registration records of the Grandville Little League program; Kandace Heinz and Heidi Porter, juniors at Thornapple-Kellogg High School, designed a German cultural event booth for last year's Middleville Heritage Days, and Andrea Dinley, a senior at Byron Center High School, developed a program titled Colorguard Basic Mini-Camp and Video.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize the achievements of this select group of young women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their scouting duties. The hard work and determination they have exhibited during their pursuit of the Gold Award will serve as valuable lessons as they enter adulthood. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this special and dedicated group of young achievers.

SHEDD AQUARIUM CELEBRATES ITS OCEANARIUM'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the John G. Shedd Aquarium as it celebrates the tenth anniversary of its world-renowned Oceanarium. Shedd's Oceanarium is the largest indoor marine mammal habitat in the world. More than 18 million visitors from Illinois and around the world have gained a better understanding of the environment and marine mammals by visiting the Oceanarium.

Shedd Aquarium is an international leader in aquatic education as well as animal husbandry, care and training. The Aquarium spearheads numerous conservation initiatives, both locally and abroad, participating in animal rescue efforts and performing in-house studies ranging from sensory biology to animal health. Shedd will commemorate the Oceanarium's anniversary with a year-long celebration filled with exciting activities and never before offered behind the scenes glimpses, the unveiling of a new marine mammal show, chances to meet one-on-one with animal-care specialists and an opportunity to eat breakfast with the dolphins.

The Oceanarium has contributed to the body of knowledge about marine life and enhances public understanding and appreciation of aquatic life and conservation. Shedd's participation in the North American Cooperative Beluga Breeding Program allows scientists to study the behavior of beluga whales and other animals that can't easily be studied in the wild, gaining a better understanding of whale biology and behavior. After seeing the beluga